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The Honorable Daniel R. Elliott, III
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Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Chairman Elliott:

Today I am writing to express my support for a strong freight rail network not only in North Carolina but across our nation.

As America continues to recover from the recent economic downturn, I strongly support the rail industry's ability to confidently reinvest in their network assuring they can continue to provide strong, dependable service. A healthy freight rail network encourages reinvestment by the rail industry, supports job growth and continued economic recovery.

Any policy or regulatory changes that would hinder the freight railroads' ability to continue investing billions of dollars annually in private capital to grow and modernize the nation's rail infrastructure will not have my support. This letter is to request that no regulatory or policy changes be pursued at this time by the STB. We need to maintain the strong and well balanced regulatory system we currently have in place.

All the Best,

Kathy Harrington

